



Lady Death®

"The Odyssey" part 4 (of 4): "Beyond Hell's Cradle"



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LADY DEATH'S guardian angel, VANDALA, sent her to the mystical realm of the Hindu Gods against her wishes. KALI, the Goddess of Order and Chaos, was on a mad rampage, cannibalizing and sacrificing her endless followers. Believing Lady Death represents Armageddon, Kali became obsessed with feasting on her to signal a rebirth! As Lady Death pieces the mysterious revelations of "The Odyssey" together, Vandala runs smack dab into ASTEROTH, Lucifer's destroyer of destroyers. Miserably, Lady Death is sent to a realm where finally, she finds peace. And now, the finale to The Odyssey!

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YOU ARE
HIDING LADY DEATH
FROM ME!

WHERE IS SHE?
TELL ME NOW!

WHERE IS
THE DESTROYER?

YOU WON'T
CHECK?

PLACING HER PALM AGAINST HER CLOSED FIST,
VANDALA BEGINS TO SUMMON LADY DEATH
BUT WITHOUT NOTICE - ASTEROTH, LUCIFER'S
DESTROYER OF DESTROYERS, COMES.



CHEN
DIE!!!

NO!
It's one of Hell's
minions!

LUCKY
to deflect this
blow

WHERE DID
YOU SEND HER?!!

I wish
Lucifer...

MUST
ESCAPE
No match
for him!

I'LL FIND
YOU, AND WHEN I DO -
LUCIFER WILL HAVE HIS
REVENGE!

I was summoning
Lucifer's Death to me,
but when I was attacked,
I LOST her! There are
thousands of realms in
THE UNKNOWN.

Where CAN
she be?

EADY DEATH!
YOU CAN'T RUN!
YOU CAN'T HIDE!



MANY MONTHS LATER, AND A THOUSAND REALMS AWAY IN THE QUANT KINGDOM OF CONCORDIAL.

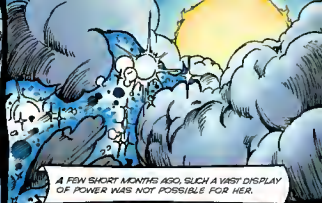




FEAR NOT,
JIMRON. NO STORM
WILL MAR THIS
MERRY DAY.

SUCH
MAJESTY!

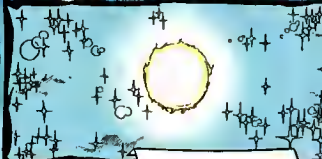
WITH A SIMPLE THOUGHT, LADY DEATH RELEASES A MASSIVE
BOLT OF ENERGY TOWARDS THE COMING STORM.



A FEW SHORT MONTHS AGO, SUCH A VAST DISPLAY
OF POWER WAS NOT POSSIBLE FOR HER.



SHE WAS DEPLETED.



BUT NOW, AFTER MUCH REST,
SHE IS COMPLETELY RESTORED.



EVER SINCE
SHE CAME TO US,
HOPE'S BEEN OUR GOOD
LUCK CHARM,
DORANDA.

INDEED,
JONAH

HOORAY!

LET THE
FESTIVITIES
BEGIN!

WE CELEBRATE
IN YOUR HONOR!

LATER THAT NIGHT...

IT'S STRANGE
HOW QUICKLY THINGS
CHANGE

AFTER I DEFEATED LUCIFER,
I HAD A VISION. I WAS TO PLAY
A CRUCIAL ROLE IN THE JUDGMENT
ERA OF THE FALLEN ANGELS. BUT I
REFUSED. I WANTED TO RENOUNCE MY
WARRIOR WAYS, FIND PEACE

THEN AN UNSEEN
VOICE CAME TO ME AND
SET ME OFF ON AN ODYSSEY
AGAINST MY WILL. IN EACH PLACE I
WAS TO LEARN A LESSON. I WAS
CONVINCED THE VOICE WAS
TRYING TO PREPARE ME FOR
THE JUDGMENT ERA.

AND THEN,
WHEN THE ENTITY BEHIND
THE VOICE PLANNED TO REVEAL
ITSELF, I WAS SENT HERE
TO CONCORDIA.

WAS THIS MY
REWARD FOR THE TRIALS
I FACED DURING THE ODYSSEY?
WHETHER IT IS OR IT ISN'T, I CARE
NOT. SINCE I CAME HERE,
I'VE NEVER KNOWN
SUCH PEACE

FINALLY, MY
WARRIOR DAYS
ARE OVER.

PSSTST.
MILADY...

SPEAKING ON
BEHALF OF EVERYONE
IN THE VILLAGE, WE'LL
BE GLAD YOU CAME
TO US. THE KING AND QUEEN -
THEY'VE ALWAYS LAVISHED
US, BUT A GREAT SADNESS
OVERTOOK THE VILLAGE
WHEN THEY LOST
THEIR DAUGHTER

BUT NOW,
WITH YOU HERE,
IT'S LIKE WE'RE ALL
WHOLE AGAIN.

TH-THANK
YOU.

I'VE ALWAYS
DESPISED HUMANITY.
THEY MADE MY LIFE HELL.
BUT THESE PEOPLE, EVER SINCE
I CAME, THEY'VE EMBRACED ME
AS ONE OF THEIR OWN - THEY
HELD A CELEBRATION
IN MY HONOR!

JONAH AND
DORANDA
TREAT ME LIKE
A DAUGHTER

IT'S DIFFICULT
TO ADMIT, BUT... I
THINK I LIKE IT.

THE NEXT EVENING...

I'M UNACUSTOMED
TO SUCH A WARM EMBRACE
FROM PEOPLE

I'M USED TO
THEIR SCORN...

...NOT THEIR
ACCEPTANCE.

THOUGH I
AM GROWING TO
ACCEPT IT, I STILL NEED
SPACE TO BE ALONE WITH
MY THOUGHTS...

IT'S SO HARD
TO TURN BACK THE
HANDS OF TIME, CLOSE
THE DOOR ON MY
TORTURED PAST

BUT NOW
I FINALLY HAVE
EVERYTHING I'VE
DREAMED OF.

I FINALLY
HAVE PEACE

AWHHH. THIS
IS MY SPECIAL
PLACE - THE
GEM POND.

BACK IN CONCORDIA

FZZRRAP

WHEEEE

T-Thank Olin
I FOUND you
after all this time!

Quickly
we must GO!
Asteroth
is here!

I LOVE
THE WAY THE
JEWELS REFLECT
THE FINAL HINTS OF
SUNLIGHT.

CALL
YOURSELF
LITTLE ONE

WHAT?!

WHO ARE YOU?
YOU SEEM VAGUELY
FAMILIAR

You don't
UNDERSTAND!
Asteroth is here
to KILL you!
We must GO!

EERRGGHH!

WHERE
IS SHE?

MARTA,
JEREMY - RUN!

YOU CANNOT
HIDE HER!

AAAAIEEE!

AAAAAAA!

SHE HAS
REVENUE'S SECRET
UPON HER!

WHERE IS
LADY DEATH?!



WE HAVE TO GO!
PLEASE! He's been
following me for
months. THERE IS NO
ESCAPING HIM!

I ASKED
YOU A QUESTION,
GIRL! WHO
ARE YOU?

I am
VANDALA
I—I was the one
who sent you on
THE ODYSSEY

YOU?!

WHAT DID YOU
HOPE TO GAIN BY
MANIPULATING
ME?!

I NEVER
meant to
manipulate you!
I simply wanted to
prepare you for your
preordained fate!
You are the
chosen One!

I, I was sent to find you to help my people. YOUR ancestors but I found you spiritually depleted.

I was
DESPERATE
for a solution!
I decided to teach you
the virtues of my people
heroism, loyalty
and bravery

But after you
BESTED Nali I realized
I FAILED You DIDNT
learn what I wanted you
to learn

HA HA HA!

YOU'RE A
CHILD!

**YOU
TEACH
MEP**

Don't laugh
HOPE! I'm your
GUARDIAN! This
is serious! We must go!
Asteroth comes! He's
followed your angelic
energies as I have

I SHOULD
KILL YOU FOR SUCH
A TRANSGRESSION
BUT I FIND YOU
AMUSING!

WHO?

ASTEROTH
Lucifer's destroyer
of destroyers!

You're the
chosen one!
He means to kill
you to protect
ALL evil!

OH NO!
THE VILLAGE!

I DEMAND
AN ANSWER!

YOU WON'T
GET ONE FROM
ME, DEMON!

JONAH!

WHERE
IS SHE?

IS CHAC SO?

DORANDA - NO!

AAAAAAA!



WHERE
IS SHE?

WHERE
IS HOPE?

I'LL NEVER
TELL YOU, DEMON!
I'VE LOST ONE DAUGHTER.
I WON'T LOSE
ANOTHER!



JOHNNY!
DORANDA!
WHERE ARE
THEY?

I DON'T
SEE THEM!

YOU'RE
USELESS
TO ME LITTLE
MAN!



EERRRGHHH!

JONAH!!

NO!!!!

FRACK

GREETINGS,
DESTRUCTION!
PREPARE TO
DIE!

UGH!

CONCORDIA...
GONE. JONAH...
CORANDA...
DEAD.

ALL I wanted
was **PEACE**...
to live with
ALONE!

ALL I wanted
was... love...

BUT IT'S
NOT TO BE!

DARKNESS!
TO ME, NOW!

FRACKKKK

YESSSSS...
I CAN FEEL IT!
PURE, GETTING HURTED,
NO ESCAPING IT!
JUST **EMBRACE IT!**

YESSSSS...
LET THE BLOODJUST
WASH OVER ME!
JUST GIVE IN TO
WHAT I TRULY AM...
THE FINAL EMBRACE
DEATH!

WE SHALL SEE
WHO DIES THIS DAY,
ASTORIA!



HEE'S CAGNEY
RESIN IN MY
HANDS!

DON'T TALK
TO ME IN DOCKLES
CREATURE!

KNOW THIS—

I'LL DRIP PALE
CRE PITCHER OF
EYES!

BOED
WORDS!

—YOU'VE ROBBED
ME OF MY REDEMPTION
AND STOLEN THE ONE
I LOVE!

FOR THAT
YOU WILL SUFFER
AS NONE HAVE
SUFFERED
BEFORE!

HIS POWER IS
UNFATHOMABLE!

BRAKAGOOH

HE'S A
DENZER OF HELL.
HE WITHSTANDS MY
ENERGY AS A
CAN HE WITHSTAND
MY ANGELIC
DISORDER!

ARRAGH!

WICOM!



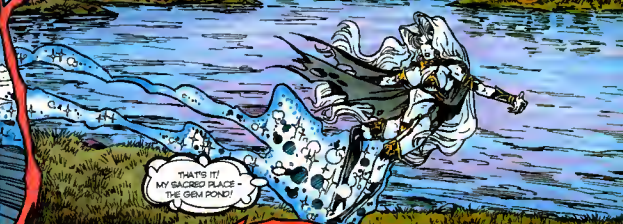
SO THE MIGHTY
ASTEROTH MUST
SHIELD HIMSELF
FROM THE LIGHT!

GO ON -
HIDE!
NA NA NA!

HE'S RECOVERING
TOO QUICKLY!

DIE, WICK!

ANGELIC ENERGY
HURTS HIM!
HOW CAN I
COVER HIM IN IT?



THAT'S IT!
MY SACRED PLACE -
THE SEW POND!

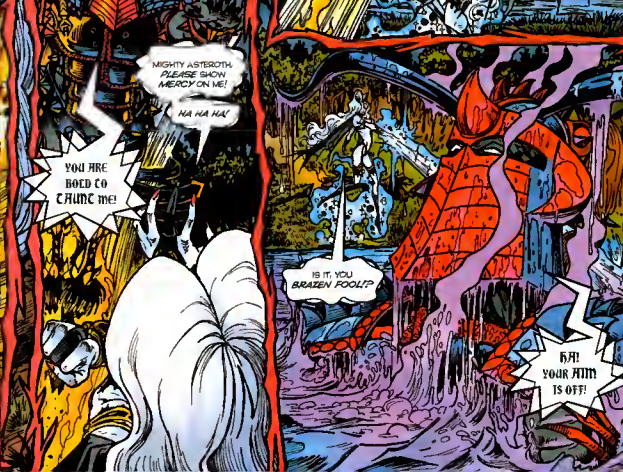


DIE!

MIGHTY ASTEROTH,
PLEASE SHOW
MERCY ON ME!

NA NA NA!

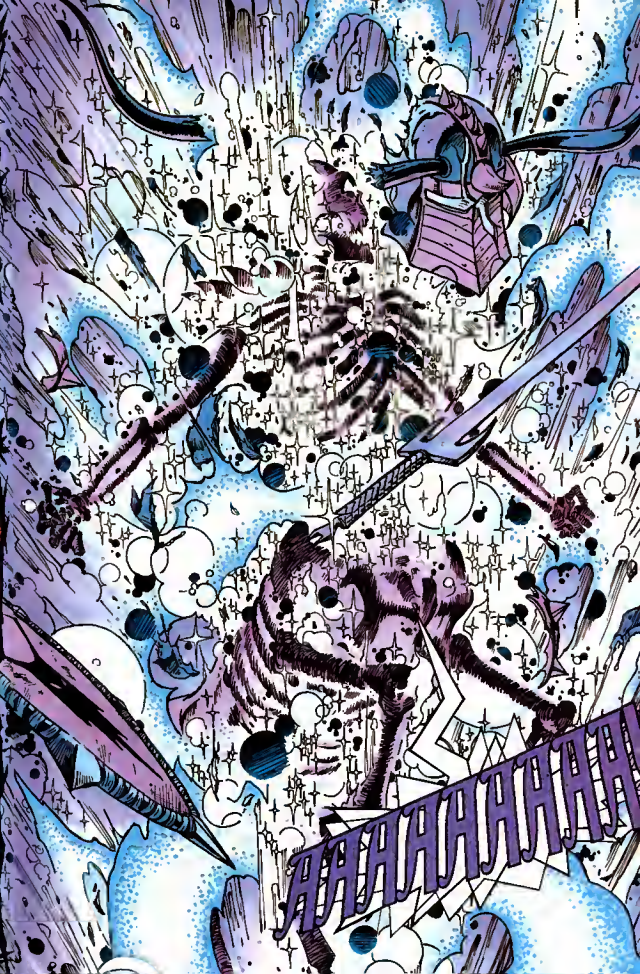
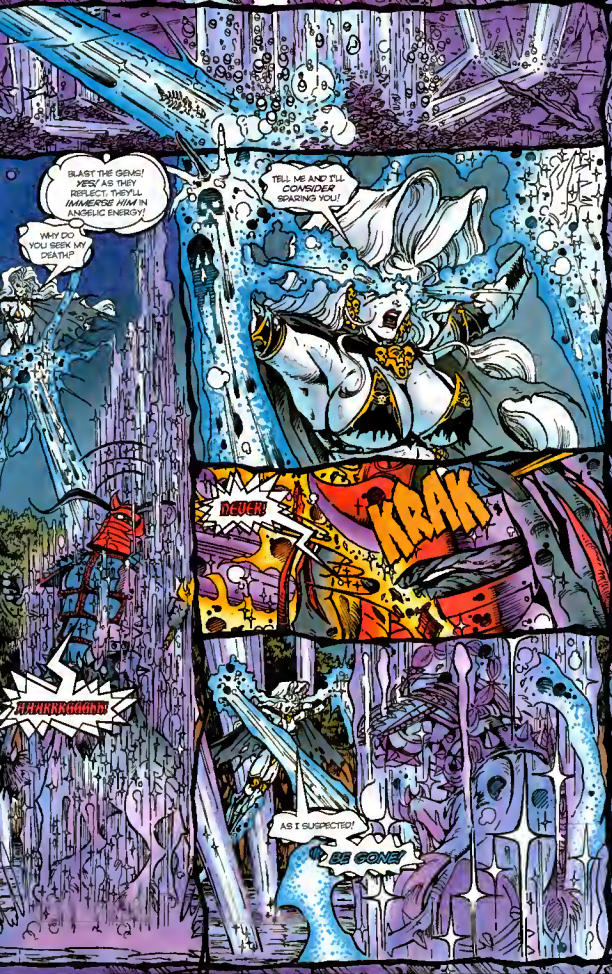
YOU ARE
HOOD CO
CRUMB ME!

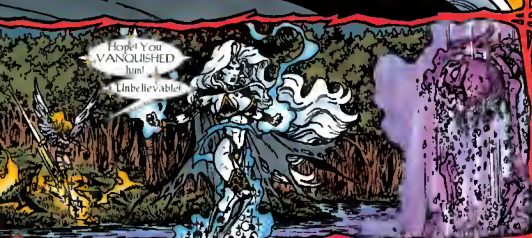


AND YOU -
OVERCONFIDENT!

IS IT, YOU
BRAZEN FOOL?

HA!
YOUR AIM
IS OFF!





How? You
VANQUISHED
him?
Unbelievable.



LATER...

Yes! I vanquished
him. Once that seemed
to be enough.

In victory,
I feel no
pity.



GO ALONE...



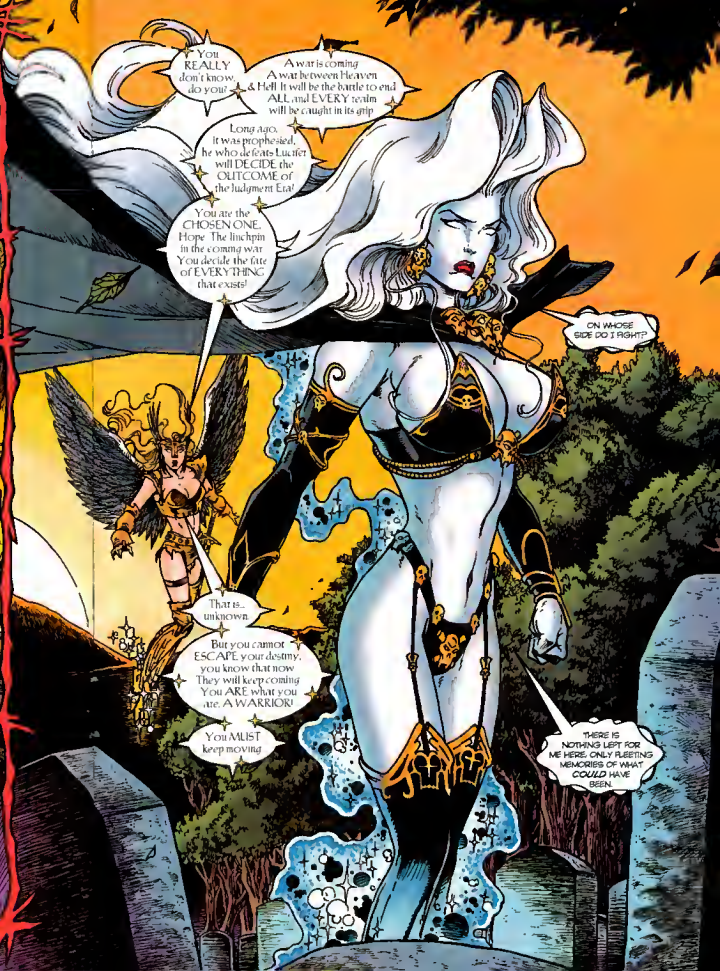
SOMETIME LATER...

GOOD-BYE
UNWILLING SOLDIER.

I'LL ALWAYS
LOVE YOU.

WHEREVER I GO,
CONFLICT FOLLOWS!
I AM NOT MEANT
FOR A LIFE OF PEACE.

WHY?



You
REALLY
don't know
do you?

A war is coming
A war between Heaven
& Hell. It will be the battle to end
ALL and EVERY realm
will be caught in its grip.

Long ago,
it was prophesied,
he who defeats Lucifer
will DECIDE the
OUTCOME
of the Judgment Era.

You are the
CHOSEN ONE.
Hope. The linchpin
in the coming war.
You decide the fate
of EVERYTHING
that exists!

ON WHOSE
SIDE DO I FIGHT?

That is
unknown.

But you cannot
ESCAPE your destiny.
you know that now.
They will keep coming.
You ARE what you
are. A WARRIOR!

You MUST
keep moving.

THERE IS
NOTHING LEFT FOR
ME HERE. ONLY FLEETING
MEMORIES OF WHAT
COULD HAVE
BEEN.



Will you
help us?

WHERE ARE
WE OFF TO?

To ASGARD,
to defend the realm
of the NORTHMEN from
GENOCIDE, a being of pure
darkness so ancient,
he predates Hell!

He holds
the key to
your future



LET'S GO!

THE END



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